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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-7-53

WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged considerably above normal over the eastern portion of the state and slightly above in the west, but the central portion was near or slightly below normal. Rather cold weather prevailed over the central and west during the middle of the week. Heavy rains fell over the southeastern portion of the state, and heavy snow over a belt extending from the south-central and extreme southwest northeastward to the South Dakota border. Precipitation was rather light over the Panhandle and only moderate over the Sandhills.

November was slightly warmer and much wetter than usual. Precipitation was generally above normal over all the state except the northern half of the Panhandle and the northern Sandhills. It was very heavy over the lower Republican Valley, where many stations received more than three inches. Heavy snows fell over the south-central portion of the state and light to moderate elsewhere.

CROPS Winter wheat made further improvement during the past week. Some improvement has been noted nearly every week for the past several weeks. The surface moisture condition is generally very good throughout the state. Seldom has the surface moisture condition been in better shape for the wheat to go into the winter than at present. Practically all of the wheat that did not sprout previously on account of the dry soil is now up and with the fine moisture condition has a good chance to survive the winter. There was a little damage from blowing in western Nebraska prior to the rains.

More plowing was done this fall than in the past years. Autumn farm work is further advanced on this date than usual. Many reports indicate that the farm labor supply exceeds the demand.

With the exception of a few counties in southern Nebraska, the grain feed, hay and forage supply is generally ample throughout the state. Except for the northern portion of the Sandhills, range and pasture is generally short throughout the state. Surface moisture is generally reported ample throughout the state but subsoil moisture is short of the desired amount in most of the counties. Most of the reports indicate that the depth of moisture generally ranges between three and four feet, with some exceeding that amount.

LIVESTOCK Shipments of cattle to country points during November indicate a 22% reduction under November of last year. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points in October were about half of what they were a year ago and shipments for the period July to November inclusive were about 29% under the same period last year. For the nine Corn Belt States October shipments to the country were down 30% and for the same July to October period they were down 24%.

Shipments of sheep to Nebraska country points in October were only 6% below the number for October a year ago and for the July to October period, they were down 12% compared with a year ago. In shipments of feeder sheep and lambs during November were down 14% from a year ago. For the nine Corn Belt States receipts at country points were down 9% in October and 24% for the four months July to October as compared to a year ago.

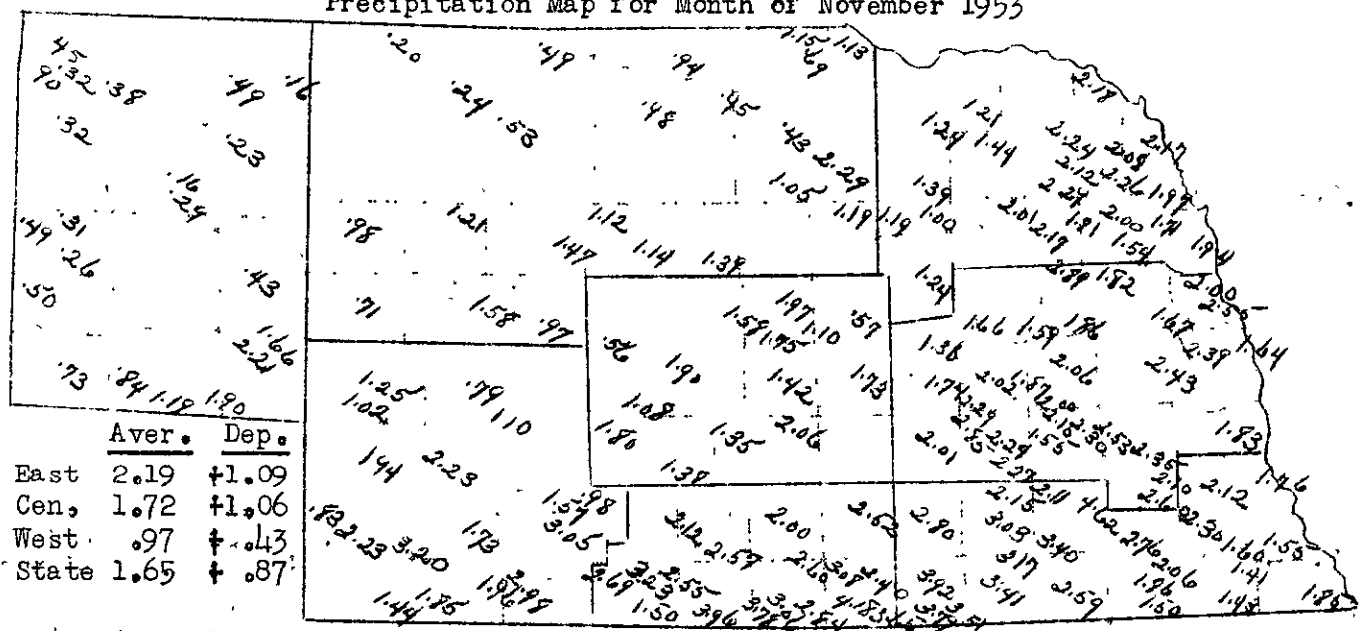
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 7, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 1.52	Burwell .60	Chadron .18
Lincoln 1.06	Lexington 1.53	Imperial .17
Norfolk 1.28	North Platte .33	Scottsbluff .11
Omaha 1.24	Valentine .40	Sidney .08
Sioux City 1.32		

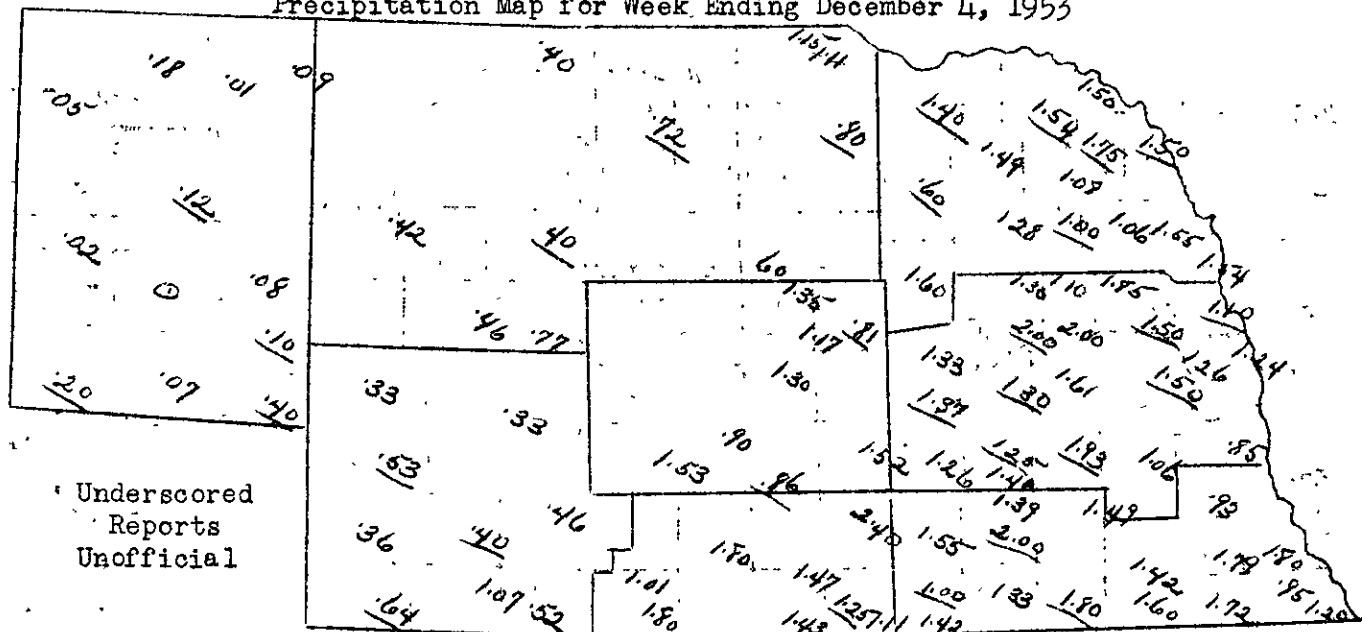
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Precipitation Map for Month of November 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending December 4, 1953



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		December		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	57	32	35	17	42	25	30	11	41	26	35	10	46	30		
	Scottsbluff	58	26	47	22	42	29	33	10	41	27	34	13	48	36		
	Sidney	51	26	49	24	37	25	29	9	41	26	34	17	50	30		
N-C	Burwell	50	34	58	28	36	27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	52	35	52	31	34	25	27	16	28	19	32	11	44	29		
NE	Norfolk	50	35	56	33	37	31	32	20	31	22	32	18	36	31		
	Sioux City	48	28	53	35	40	32	42	20	29	13	33	20	38	30		
CEN.	Grand Island	52	36	58	30	38	31	32	22	37	22	35	12	36	24		
	Lexington	51	36	55	25	37	26	28	12	33	22	34	6	40	13		
E-C	Lincoln	48	37	56	37	40	35	51	25	41	37	46	24	43	34		
	Omaha	51	34	57	37	40	36	55	25	41	32	52	26	46	36		
SW	Imperial	51	28	52	27	34	26	28	5	32	23	35	15	42	19		
	North Platte	50	36	55	25	37	27	28	17	28	19	34	6	40	20		

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